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**TO:** Each Supervisor

**FROM:** Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D.  
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**SUBJECT:** **CARE ACT TITLE I HIV/AIDS GRANT**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Thomas L. Garthwaite", is written over the "FROM:" line of the memo.

This is to advise you that the federal Department of Health and Human Services has announced the awards for Title I of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act for Year 14, the twelve months that began March 1, 2004.

For the first time in the history of the CARE Act, total federal funds for Title I of the CARE Act nationwide have been reduced. This reduction, coupled with a substantial increase in the allocation for the New York eligible metropolitan area (EMA), has resulted in a significant re-distribution of funds among the fifty-one EMAs.

CARE Act Title I has three separately funded components. The formula award is based on an estimate of living AIDS cases in each of the fifty-one EMAs, and the Minority AIDS Initiative funding is based on an estimate of living AIDS cases among people of color in each of the fifty-one EMAs. The slow growth of AIDS cases in Los Angeles County compared to other parts of the country has resulted in a decrease in funding for each of these components.

The third portion of CARE Act Title I funds, the supplemental award, is based on the competitive application and grant performance of Los Angeles County. For Year 14, the Los Angeles supplemental application was reviewed very favorably, and ranked fourth highest in the nation. Regrettably, the absence of new federal funding resulted in the redistribution of funds. Our total award was decreased from \$40 million in Year 13 to \$36.6 million in Year 14, a decrease of \$3.4 million or nine percent.

Consistent with federal requirements, the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV Health Services will review the priorities established for Title I funded services, and determine whether to revise their priorities based on the reductions. I expect that they will begin the deliberations next week.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know.

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